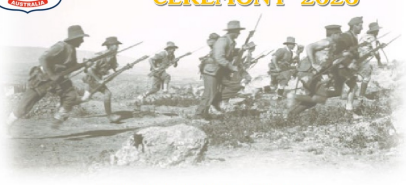
ANZAC DAY
CEREMONY 2026



THE BOWRAL SUB-BRANCH

of the Returned and Services League of Australia

New South Wales Branch

MAIN SERVICE

10.35am March commences from Oxley Mall Car Park,
(near Boolwey Street)
Parade Commander - Sapper Hamish Burchell
11.00am Service at Memorial

Music provided by Oxley College Pipes and Drums and The Chevalier College Band

Hymns led by The Chevalier College Choir.

The Lament - William Cavanough - Bowral High School

Last Post and Reveille - Jo Earl - Bowral High School

God Defend New Zealand / Aotearoa led by The Chevalier College Choir

Advance Australia Fair led by The Chevalier College Choir

OPENING ADDRESS - John Cummins OAM - President Bowral RSL Sub Branch

ANZAC DEDICATION - Captain Mark McConnell OAM – RAN

On the morning of the 25 April 1915 Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli, and it was then, and in the violent campaign which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was forged. The elements of that tradition have inspired and offered an enduring example to later generations of Australians. Though the expeditionary forces of the two Dominions were only in their infancy, and afterwards fought with success in greater and more costly battles, no campaign was so identified with them as the Gallipoli campaign.

In a real sense it was on the 25 April 1915 that the consciousness of nationhood was born. ANZAC Day is a National Day of Commemoration in both Australia and New Zealand when we remember all those who died in war or were disabled in their service to their country. So great were the losses at Gallipoli and later on the Western front during World War 1, they impacted heavily on our relatively small populations, with families and communities everywhere affected by the enormous losses.

The ANZAC landings were the first occasion where soldiers of these two fledgling nations fought together. While under British command the ANZACs acted independently and with great bravery. In Australia's case, soldiers of State Battalions arrived at Gallipoli, and at least those who survived, left as Australians. In the process a legend was created that survives to this day. Lest we forget.

HYMN: THE RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers known of old
Lord of our far flung battle line
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine -
Lord God of hosts be with us yet
Lest we forget - lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies
The captains and the kings depart
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice
A humble and a contrite heart
Lord God of hosts be with us yet
Lest we forget - lest we forget.

LAYING OF THE WREATHS - Trevor Olsen - 1st Combat Eng Regt. AACC - Bowral RSL Sub Branch

PRAYERS

Thanksgiving for those who gave their lives for our Nation - Captain Jake Horton - Salvation Army

O Lord, lover of all people, who through your prophets of old has declared that all souls are yours: we thank you for the courageous and faithful dead who gave their lives in the service of freedom in both war and peace-keeping duties. We bless you for the unselfish courage of the soldiers, sailors and airmen who have fallen in the defence of our land. We pray for their families and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such cost, that gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, we may have grace to live in service of you and of one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

A Prayer for the Australian Defence Force - Captain Jake Horton - Salvation Army

Eternal God, whose kingdom rules over all, we pray for all those who serve us in the Defence Force of this nation. Send your blessing upon all the service men and women who are serving in other lands. Protect them and keep them safe from all harm, wherever they may be. Give them courage and comfort in all the dangers that they face. Grant that they may soon return safely home to their loved ones.
Give wisdom to our political and military leaders in all decisions concerning the deployment of our Defence Force. Help us to seek freedom for all people and to serve each other in peace and justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

A Prayer for the Nation - Rev Hugh Scott - RAAChD - Bowral RSL Sub Branch

O Lord our governor, bless the leaders of our nation, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.
To our King and Governments, grant wisdom and foresight in the exercise of their duties, that they may provide for the needs of all our people, and fulfil our obligations to the community of nations.
As citizens of Australia, teach us to rely on your strength and to accept our responsibilities to one another, that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honour your Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

A Prayer for Peace - Rev Hugh Scott - RAAChD - Bowral RSL Sub Branch

God of all mercy, we pray for the nations of the world in the unrest and violence of these times.
Give wisdom of mind and strength of character to all those who are called to positions of leadership.
Overthrow the purposes and designs of evil men;
Break down the barriers of fear and hostility that divide nations from one another;
Prosper all counsels that lead to righteousness and justice in every land;
that all mankind may be led into the way of peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer - Rev Hugh Scott - RAAChD - Bowral RSL Sub Branch

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
AMEN

HYMN: LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

Lead, kind-ly Light, amid th'en-circ-ling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The dist-ant scene; one step enough for me.

So long Thy pow-er hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and tor-rent,
Till the night is gone,
And with the morn those an-gel faces smile, which I
Have loved long since, and lost awhile!

ADDRESS - Bella Heaton and Sam Stokes - Bowral High School

THE LAMENT

THE ODE

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

ALL: We will remember them

Lest we forget

ALL: Lest we forget

THE LAST POST
ONE minutes silence

REVEILLE

HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless. O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness,
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

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